

To John Bruce

JOHN PAYNE COLLIER. 1789-1883
Shakespearean critic & literary forger

16 AP/39.

Good letter
- John Payne Collier
- Shakespearean forger.

My dear Sir

I have read over the Report & highly approve of the greater part of it. If anything it appears to me somewhat too particular: I have marked two or three passages of this kind, as well as others, taking it for granted that your only wish was to collect opinions and to frame the document in the best way - It is very likely that I am wrong or hypercritical - both perhaps - in

my remarks, and possibly upon
further reflection I might think
so myself.

I saw Lord Francis Egerton
(who is come to town) today: he is
very lame with his gout, but he
tells me, that if no worse, he shall
be very happy to preside at our
general meeting. On that occasion
I trust we shall be as little prosy
as possible, and not detain him
or others longer than is necessary.

Will it not be necessary
to advertise or will a circular
be sent by the Secretary to let all
the members know the day?

A day or two since I re-
ceived a note from Dyce informing
me that he is ready & willing to

have the honour of being made
a Councillor of the Camden
"thrust upon him". He will take it
as a compliment & moreover will
be a useful member, though I
doubt the frequency of his attend-
ance, owing principally to his
having nothing else to do. He
will make a good Editor of "Kemp's
Morris" - that I am sure.

Lord F. Egerton spoke highly
in praise of the Camden Publica-
tions today - particularly of the last.
I am, my dear Sir

Yours very sincerely
J. Payne Collier

24 Brompton Sq
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I thought that Mr Thom had
known my change of address.

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